

ENTERED

March 21, 2024

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

United States of America

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Case No. 4:21-cr-00271-01

v.

Jonathan K. Senteno

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ORDER DENYING MOTION TO APPOINT COUNSEL

On March 19, 2024, Defendant Jonathan K. Senteno filed a motion requesting appointment of counsel. Dkt. 42. The motion indicates that he wishes to file a post-conviction petition to reduce his sentence based on Amendment 821, U.S.S.G. § 4A1.1 and 18 U.S.C. § 3582. *Id.*; *see also* Dkt. 40 (June 22, 2022 judgment dismissing Defendant's appeal as frivolous).

The Sixth Amendment right to counsel does not extend to post-conviction proceedings. *See Pennsylvania v. Finley*, 481 U.S. 551, 555 (1987) (no right to court appointed counsel for post-conviction proceedings). The Court can appoint counsel if the interests of justice so require. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(a)(2)(B). But Defendant has yet to file any motion or petition asserting his grounds for relief, nor has he shown that the interests of justice would warrant appointing counsel.

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that Defendant Thristian Duplechin's motion for appointment of counsel is **DENIED**.

Signed on March 21, 2024, at Houston, Texas.



Yvonne Y. Ho
United States Magistrate Judge